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UCF COCOA & PALM BAY Knight News

UCF Visits Sesame Street

FALL 2012

Nancy Brasel, Instructor in the Palm Bay Early Childhood Development & Education program, and two colleagues experienced an outstanding professional development trip to New York City. The trip included multiple opportunities to collaborate with non-profit education organizations and attend a professional development conference.



Nancy Brasel, Oscar the Grouch & Carroll Spinney,
(original Puppeteer for Big Bird and Oscar)

The first meeting was at The Bloomingdale Family Program in Harlem. This program began in 1960 as an innovative preschool that included a strong parent involvement component. The program was so successful that it was used as the prototype for the federal Head Start Program. The UCF ECDE faculty have collaborated with this program since 2011 and are beginning to collaborate on gathering data for research from the participants in the program.

Nancy and her colleagues attended the 92nd Street Y's 2012 Wonderplay Conference. The keynote speakers included Lillian Katz, the founder of Project Approach, Dr. Ron Taffel, an expert in parenting and child-rearing, and JoAnn Deak, who has conducted long-term research with Harvard neurologist on child brain development.

The highlight of the trip, however, was the opportunity to tour the Sesame Street studios to watch a live taping with Big Bird, Abby Cadabby, Oscar the Grouch, Telly and actor Tom Bergeron. After watching the taping, Nancy and her colleagues were able to take photos on the set with Sesame Street characters. Following the tour, the UCF Early Childhood Development & Education faculty met with the head researcher for Sesame Street to discuss collaborating on a future project.



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Provost Update

September 20, 2012

Thanks to all our dedicated staff and faculty members, our students will enjoy countless opportunities this year to make significant contributions in the classroom, in research labs and studios, in our community – and maybe even in another galaxy.

This summer, graduate students Kevin Stevenson and Nate Lust along with Professor Joseph Harrington discovered UCF's first planet. Named UCF 1.01, the exoplanet is two-thirds the size of Earth and about 33 light years away.

This story is just one of the thousands of success stories your hard work makes possible. And your success extends outside of the classroom and into our community.

For instance, I am thankful that so many of you joined me in the fight against heart disease on September 15 at the Greater Orlando Heart Walk at Loch Haven Park. We expect to exceed our \$40,000 fund-raising goal while enjoying a fantastic event that helps fight cardiovascular diseases, which claim more than 800,000 American lives per year.

Future Funding Issues

We begin our fall semester with about 60,000 students, one of the most talented freshman classes in UCF history and a university-record 241 National Merit Scholars enrolled.

At UCF, we are fortunate to have world-class facilities and abundant opportunities for learning. Our greatest asset, however, is the enthusiastic support of students, employees, fans, alumni and others. But it takes more than talent, dedication and goodwill to keep UCF running.

The fact is that our state has reduced its support for UCF by 49 percent – nearly \$150 million – during the past five years.

Thanks to your tireless efforts, we have succeeded at tightening our belt and doing more with less. But that's not a sustainable way to operate a university. And that's why it is so important that our state legislators do what they promised and restore and augment state support for Florida's public universities, including UCF.

With restored and new funds, our top priority will be to hire more faculty members. We recognize this great need and are dedicated to building our academic enterprise with additional faculty members. Simply put, we need our state's financial support to remain a leader in research, innovation and academic success.

State of the University Address

For more information about the future of our university, I invite you to join President Hitt on Tuesday, September 25, at 3 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union for his annual State of the University Address. President Hitt will discuss opportunities and challenges at UCF along with his vision for the university's future. His address will be followed by remarks from Dr. Ida Cook, chair of the Faculty Senate, and Cortez Whatley, president of the Student Government Association.

Doors for the event will open at 2:30 p.m. A reception will be held after the remarks.

Thank you for serving our students so well every day, and best wishes for a great semester!

Sincerely,
Tony Waldrop

Faculty & Staff Achievements



The Office of Diversity Initiatives and Barbara Thompson have been kind enough to join the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses for multiple events during the fall term and provide diversity training for our staff, faculty and students. Headcounts for the events are: Hispanic Heritage- Frieda Kahlo, For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story, Inclusive Communication, Celebrating Hispanic Heritage DiversiTEA, World Sight Day, Diversity Breakfast, Understanding Power and Privilege, and International Education Breakfast.

Two Brown Bag Luncheons were held on the Cocoa campus and broadcast to Palm Bay. October 25, **Barbara Alderman** and **Andrew Todd**, UCF Librarians, presented "OneSearch: Capturing Quick Results from Many Resources," and November 27, **Adam Pritchard**, Department of Sociology, presented "Fear, Behaviors, and Outcomes: Victimization and Women's College Experience."

Joyce Burr, College of Nursing, has completed her doctorate and is graduating this December. Her thesis was titled "The Self-described Experience of Coping and Adaptation Associated with Workplace Stress of Registered Nurses in the Acute Care Setting in Florida: An Ethnographic Study."

Gerry Deveau, **Darlene Kraft**, and **Dr. Lauren Miller** attended the OD & Training Recognition Ceremony in October. Gerry was presented with a certificate for his participation in the Summer 2012 Train the Trainer series and Darlene was awarded one for her participation in the Summer Leadership Excellence Series.



Angel Edgecombe and **Angelia Jones** are now a members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA). Angie is serving on the planning committee for the 19th UCF Black Faculty and Staff Association Mentoring Celebration to be January 31st.

Angel Edgecombe, **Angie Jones**, and **Sheryl Schagen** presented two posters at the NACADA annual conference in Nashville. The first poster presentation was "Striking the Right Chord to Empower Transfer Adult Learners in a Regional Campus Advising Office," and the second presentation was "Advisor Conservation: How to Maximize and Empower Peer Advisors in a Transfer Setting."



In September, **Angelia Jones** and **Sheryl Schagen** attended the Transfer and Transition workshop. The workshop provided the latest information and updates from UCF's academic colleges and programs.

Dr. Jim Katt had three papers presented at this year's National Communication Association convention: "Communication Meets Social Psychology: Are We Measuring the Same Constructs with Different Names?", co-authored with Christine Donaldson; "The Relation of Instructor Nonverbal Immediacy and Self-disclosure to Student Incivility," co-authored with Ann Miller, Tim Brown, and Laura Trad; and "Expanding Motivation-Hygiene Theory in Church Worship," co-authored with Anne Trelstad and Ann Miller.

Dr. John Lynxwiler, Department of Sociology Cocoa Campus, presented a research paper at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) in Milwaukee. The paper, "*Has the Song Remained the Same? Perceptions of Effectiveness in Family Safety*," was co-authored with Professors Debra Marshall (Brevard Community College) and David Gay (UCF Department of Sociology).



Nick Pantlioni, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services, and **Jessica Houts**, Coordinator, attended the 2012 Federal Student Aid Conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference offered more than 40 distinct training sessions which focused on new Title IV requirements and processes.

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Faculty & Staff Achievements *continued*

Shelley Park, Philosophy, presented a paper, "Where are all the cyborg mothers? Reflections on the posthuman maternal body" at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy (C-SWIP) in Calgary, Alberta and her paper, "One and only one mother? Resisting the politics of monomaterialism" at the annual meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association.

Leandra Preston-Sidler, Women's Studies, was named Service-Learning Faculty Member of the Year for the State University Sector by Florida Campus Compact. She also presented a paper titled "Watch Me Disappear: Gendered Bodies, Pro-Ana, and Self-Harm in Virtual Communities," as well as a workshop and roundtable on Service-Learning at the National Women's Studies Association.

Dr. Adam Pritchard, Sociology, presented "Safety Concerns, Fear, and Precautionary Behavior among College Women: An Exploratory Examination of Two Measures of Residency," co-authored by Carol E. Jordan & Pamela Wilcox, at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association

Anne Trelstad, Communication, presented a paper she co-authored with UCF faculty colleagues Jim Katt, Communication, and Ann Miller, Communication,

entitled "Expanding Motivation-Hygiene Theory in Church Worship" at the National Communication Association's 98th annual convention.

Wendy Perez and Barbara Quaintance were the UCF staff and faculty winners of the Homemade Salsa contest at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on the Palm Bay campus.



Wendy Perez performed at Emma Parrish Theater in Titusville as Joseph's Mother in the production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The production ran through December 16th.

Dr. Denise Young, along with Dr. Diane Chase, Dr. Tace Crouse and Ms. Heidi Watt presented a paper "Key Ingredients to a Healthy Fifth-Year Report: How to Avoid Ending Up in the Stew" at the 2012 SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

2012 Holiday Charity Drives

Every year in the Southern Region we choose two charities to help out during the holiday season.

Central Brevard Sharing Center Food Drive



The CBSC serves around 1,500 families in the Central Brevard area each month with a large portion of those they assist being children. Leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday parties in our region, we collected non-perishable food items from staff and faculty members to add to the CBSC Food Pantry shelves. Photo: Al Davis preparing to drive the donations to the center.

The Children's Hunger Project

In lieu of holiday gifts, staff and faculty members adopted the Children's Hunger Project as a holiday project. The Children's Hunger Project provides area children who take part in the free or reduced-price lunch program with weekend food packs for their backpacks to ensure they will have something to eat over the weekend. Our two campuses purchased the food and packaged 113 food packs. For more information, thechildrenshungerproject.org.



Thank you to everyone who was able to help out and support our charitable causes.

Community Involvement

On November 2, 2012, Former President Bill Clinton and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson Former President Bill Clinton held a rally at Brevard Community College's Palm Bay Campus.



John King, Sonya Curtis and Kim Poppert attended the City of Palm Bay Health & Wellness Fair at the Palm Bay Community Center.



Sonya Curtis, John King and Paula Cepero attended the BCC Palm Bay Job fair in November.

Dr. Denise Young has taken part in many activities to promote the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses and their mission such as:

- continued collaboration with BCC through the following:
 - Attendance at BCC Student Services Council Meetings
 - Meetings with the BCC Provosts
 - Attendance at BCC Executive Council Meetings
 - Attendance at BCC Board of Trustee Meetings
 - Joint UCF/BCC meeting regarding the Clery Act compliance
 - Joint meeting with UCF and BCC Education Faculty re Early Childhood and Elementary Ed
 - Participation in the BCC Honors Council Meetings
 - As a member of BCC's Institutional Review Board
 - Joint Brevard Business News Interview with BCC President Jim Richey
- Continued to be involved with the Brevard Workforce Development Board through attendance at the quarterly Board meeting and quarterly Business Workforce Committee Meeting.
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast through participation in Roundtable discussions with Shannon Roberts, 2012 Congressional

Candidate – District 8, and Congressman Bill Posey. Also attended the EDC Annual Meeting in October and December.

- Attended the Civilian Military Group meeting in July hosted by the Canaveral Port Authority and the October meeting hosted by the Retire Military members
- Attended the local United Way Community Campaign Kickoff at Port Canaveral in September
- Attended the DirectConnect Steering Committee meeting held at Valencia West in September
- Attended the FCIE (Florida Consortium for International Education) 12th Annual International Education Conference at Valencia College,.
- Attended the 2nd Annual Florida 2012 TechXpo sponsored by the Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida, along with its Presenting Sponsor, GE Transportation, on the campus of Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. The TechXpo featured
 - Exhibits of emerging technologies and cutting-edge innovations
 - Interactive breakout sessions on technology
 - A luncheon featuring a panel of international technology experts
 - Congressional Medals of Merit presented by U.S. Congressman Bill Posey
 - An exclusive VIP kick-off reception & banquet featuring John Muholland, Vice President and Program Manager, Boeing Commercial Program, Space Exploration
- Attended an International Education Week seminar by Dale Ketchum on volunteering in Kenya
- Gave a slide presentation as part of International Education Week on Egypt



College of Arts & Humanities/College of Sciences

Women's Studies hosted Gloria Steinem at UCF for a "legislative lunch" on October 19, where she discussed women's issues in the current election. Regional campuses recorded the event, which can be viewed at <http://connect.rc.ucf.edu/p7yrlilxqv8/>.



Kristen Wilson, Psi Chi @ Cocoa President, Psychology Department, was the recipient of the Honors In the Major scholarship for fall 2012. Her thesis is titled, "Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy as an Effective Therapy in Comparison to or in Conjunction with Traditional

Therapies," and her thesis advisor is Dr. Erin Murdoch.



Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, inducted new members into their ranks in Palm Bay in December. New members in Palm Bay are **Amber Bernin, Heather Fields,**

Andrea Lucas, Alexa McConnell, Michael Ogradowski, Amanda Shaw and Rachel Wells. In cocoa, the new members are **Arielle Young, Kimberly Mendoza, LeAnne Cunningham, Brielle Francis, Natalie Nida and Amanda Blackmon.** The speaker was Dr. Maria LaVoy, President of Psi Chi International.

SPEECH TEAM NEWS

By Jerry Sublette, Instructor and Speech Team Director/Coach

The Speech Team is in the road to compete in the final tournament of the fall semester – the Florida State University Swing. Coach/Director Jerry Sublette will be taking four students to the event, including veteran and team captain, **Stephen Sherbin II**, and three first-year students – **Mairim Perez, Estella Gong, and Qasim Shirazi.**

Stephen will compete in Impromptu speaking and Program Oral Interpretation (POI). Mairim will compete in Persuasion. Estella and Qasim will both compete in Impromptu. This will be the first college-level competition for all three novices.

Earlier in the semester the team competed at the Florida Southern Child of the Sun Tournament, the Capital City Classic at Tallahassee Community College, and the Star Classic at Florida State College in Jacksonville. Stephen Sherbin II, a Rosen School student from Port St. John, placed third in POI at the Florida Southern tournament in September and three



weeks ago placed 5th at the FSCJ tournament.

Jerry Sublette has also been planning to host tournaments at UCF in the future. He, Dr. Denise Young and Dr. Lauren Miller have been meeting regularly to plan a quality tournament using the Southern Region's

Cocoa facility during the 2013-14 season.

As the second half of the season approaches in January, the UCF Speech Team will become even more of a force on the forensics circuit as senior **Xzondra Bergman**, a Palm Bay I/O Communication major, returns after being inactive during the fall semester. Xzondra placed several times at tournaments during the spring semester.

2012 has been a good year for the UCF Speech Team. 2013 looks even better!

College of Business Administration

The Cornerstone lab course facilitated by Charlie Viggiano had many team projects going on this semester. One of them was to support the Central Brevard Sharing Center. The goal of the team members, which include: Jason Palmer, Amber Kent, Adrianna Morris, Carmela Van Hemert and David Burns, was to raise funds for the Bag Pack 4 Kids program. The Bag Pack 4 kids program endeavors to provide these children with enough food every Friday to feed a family of four for the entire weekend, until school begins again each Monday.



The team not only reached their monetary goal which will allow Central Brevard Sharing Center to assist an additional school, but was also finalists in the UCF Cornerstone Social Entrepreneurship Competition.

This team also successfully participated in a 30 minute interview with Cocoa's FM 91.3 radio station for their service-learning project with the Central Brevard Sharing Center.

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College of Business Administration *continued*

Barbara Quaintance attended the Melbourne Regional Chamber Small Business meeting in September, October and December, and was the guest speaker at the October meeting. She presented information on the educational opportunities at UCF along with opportunities for small businesses to work with the University to help them and to help the students in their education. Barbara also attended the September and October Wednesday Friendsday sponsored by the Cocoa-Cocoa Beach Chamber. From the Chamber events, Barbara recruited 38 small businesses that were interested in having her Marketing 3023 students create a Marketing Plan for them. At the end of the semester, the businesses were invited to the class to watch the presentations. They were very happy with the work that was done by the students and look forward to implementing some of their ideas. The businesses also made recommendations to other businesses to get involved in future semesters.

College of Education

This year in the Brevard County Public School System four of the six teachers up for Teacher of the Year are UCF Cocoa graduates and have supervised UCF interns: **Debra Milliken** from Oak Park Elementary, BS Elementary Education; **Amber Thibedeau** from Sunrise Elementary, BS Elementary Education, M.Ed. Reading Education; **Jill Whitacre** from West Shore Junior/Senior High, BS Elementary Education; and, **Sue French** from Sherwood Elementary, BS Liberal Studies. For more information: http://brevardschools.org/This_Week/releases/pdf/11-20-12-TOY.html

A chapter of the Florida Future Educators Association has been started on the Cocoa campus called Cocoa FEA. Membership is open to any student who is enrolled at least half-time regardless of education, major or campus affiliation. The goal of our group is to inspire

others to consider teaching as a career and to provide members with knowledge and experiences that develop qualities and aptitudes essential to successful teaching. They are working in collaboration with the Brevard Future Educators Association chapters (the middle and high school chapters in Brevard Public Schools) to promote the profession and to promote UCF as the number one choice for initial teacher preparation. Five students who are serving in leadership roles: **Tina Ballou**, President; **Crystal Larson**, Vice President; **Bri Branham**, Historian; **Angela Robles**, Secretary; **Jesse Watts**, Treasurer. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 4:45 pm in the Joint Use Library. The UCF Cocoa chapter of FEA is planning to attend the state conference in Orlando this January. For more information, please contact the faculty advisor, Shloe Kerness at shloe.kerness@ucf.edu.

College of Health and Public Affairs



Detective Sara Kane-Watson from the Titusville Police Department spoke as a guest lecturer in Dr. Deborah Rhyne's CCJ 4681 (Domestic Violence and the Justice System) class. Detective Watson investigates domestic violence and child abuse for the TPD.

College of Nursing



The class of 2013 nursing students just became Seniors as of Monday, Decemb23 12th at the Cocoa UCF campus! Congratulations Seniors!

Throughout their year as Juniors, the class of 2013 has participated in community events such as Step Up for Down Syndrome, the St. Baldrick's Foundation "Cure for Childhood Cancer" local event, two VA Stand-downs, a local food drive, and gave flu shots to local veterans.



They also lead monetary donation drives for causes such as: Pasta for Pennies, St. Baldrick's Foundation "Cure for Childhood Cancer", and a 5k run to raise money for a local toddler diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. Those in the SNA have enjoyed activities such as two car washes and the Florida National Student Association conference in Daytona Beach, FL. The senior class is looking forward to welcoming the incoming Juniors Class of 2014 to the campus in January.

Direct Connect

BCC Palm Bay New Student Orientations – Sonya Curtis and John King presented Direct Connect to UCF information to new BCC students.

BCC Palm Bay Class Visits – Kim Poppert and John King presented Direct Connect to UCF Information to BCC students.

UCF Cocoa Staff also conducted 52 BCC classroom visits reaching over 481 potential Direct Connect students.

Enrollment Services

Enrollment Services Student Ambassador Sarah Sacra and Direct Connect Adviser **Kimberly Poppert** have attended multiple Welcome Back fairs and events for Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Melbourne, Titusville, and Palm Bay. These events include the Titan Tailgate Kickoff series, Care Fare/Blood Drive, Constitution Day / Rock the Vote, and Go Pink Day. Both Kim and Sarah have also represented Enrollment Services at Brevard County's Boo at the Zoo along with Business Services's **Megan Haught**.



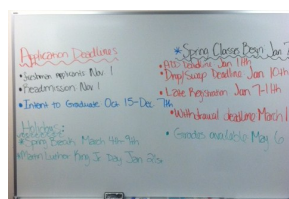
Jessica Houts and **Nick Pantlioni** attended the Brevard County College Fair on Oct. 24 in Melbourne meeting with over 200 prospective students.

Enrollment Service's own **Sarah Sacra** won the Debbie K. Phillis Scholarship (UCF Space Coast Alumni Chapter).



Advising Center

Ms. Lenae Walton has taken on the task of updating the Cocoa Advising display board. She has started highlighting the Cocoa majors. Last quarter it was Business, currently it is History.



Daniel Baldwin and **Jessica Valdez** has taken on the task of updating our newly acquired white board with Advising events, deadlines, and other pertinent information that is valuable for student success.

Sheryl Schagen participated in the Fall 2012 Elementary and Exceptional Education Internship II Orientation in August where she presented information

about graduation procedures and common graduation issues faced by education students.

During the month of October, **Sheryl Schagen**, **John King** and **Nancy Brasel** provided information workshops for BCC students transferring into UCF education programs. The workshops were held in BCC education classes at the Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay campuses.

The UCF Cocoa Advising office wishes to bid **Ms. Angelia Jones**, Student Advisor, and **Ms. Jessica Valdez**, Student Assistant, fond farewells as they transition into new positions. Ms. Jones is now in Student Services. Ms. Valdez has been hired by Wuesthoff in their Medical Lab department. We say all the best to you and that you will be missed.

UCF Joint Use Library

OneSearch

OneSearch made its debut on the UCF Libraries homepage in August 2012. Funded by the UCF Student Technology Fee, OneSearch combines a fast, simple search, with sophisticated tools to refine and filter the results. Users can search across hundreds of databases and discover journal articles, print and electronic books, digital collections, images, government documents, newspapers, videos, and more! New features include the addition of the Ask-a-Librarian chat box on the right hand side of the screen and a link to relevant research guides. Start exploring OneSearch at <http://library.ucf.edu>.

Users can also access discipline specific databases for more in-depth searching options by clicking on the Articles & Databases link on the library homepage. Please contact a UCF librarian if you have any questions or need research help!

Updates to the Information Literacy modules

The UCF Libraries Information Literacy & Outreach Department has been busy editing and improving three of their modules. Changes include upgrades to the "Selecting

Articles for Academic Assignments" practice and assessment questions, and refinements based on faculty suggestions to the two citing modules, Citing Sources in APA Style and Citing Sources in MLA Style.

EndNote X6

EndNoteX6 is now available for UCF students, faculty and staff. With EndNote X6, you can import citations directly from the UCF library catalog, online databases and Google Scholar, organize your citations in folders or groups, and cite while you write in Microsoft Word. To download EndNote, log in to the UCF Libraries website and visit <http://guides.ucf.edu/citations-endnote>.

If you need online or in-person library instruction, or have any questions about the above topics, we're here to assist you. Additionally, if you have any recommendations for items to purchase for the library (books, dvds, ebook titles), please send your ideas to us. You can contact the librarians by emailing Barbara.Alderman@ucf.edu or Andrew.Todd@ucf.edu

Writing Center

The BCC-UCF Writing Center will be open through December 6. It will reopen at the start of the Spring semester, with writing consultants available for Center tours and in-class presentations. Contact Barb Kyle at Barbara.kyle@ucf.edu

Writing for the Spoken Word Workshop

Students from both UCF and BCC took part in a BCC-UCF Writing Center workshop on October 29. Designed primarily to prepare students for their performances in October 31

Writers' Haven Monster Mic, the workshop addressed similarities as well as differences in writing for performance versus the page. Audience is everything, no matter what our writing purpose! A few students took the opportunity to work on class presentations, and five took up the microphone to test drive their Halloween performances.



Sue's Tech Tip

Windows Backup and Restore Feature

It is extremely easy to back up your files in Windows now. Make sure you attach a large (150 GB or larger) USB drive on your laptop/computer before you begin.

To find your Backup and Restore icon, either type backup in the search bar from your Start menu or locate it in the Control Panel.

Select the USB drive you want to use for the backup and take most of the defaults. You can vary the schedule to best fit a time you will not need your computer and you can select more areas on your hard drive to back up besides the profile on your computer. The profile on your computer includes your Desktop items, Favorites, your My Documents folder, etc.

You can also use the backup function outside the scheduled time. The backup will take about an hour or more for the first backup. How long it takes to back up your files depends on how much data you have on your computer.

Student Services and Student Government

Student Outreach Services completed a busy term with activities. They hosted several events including but not limited to Welcome Back Week at both UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses, a Regional Recreation Learn to Surf event at Jetty Park, Krafty Knights in recognition of National Arts and Humanities awareness month, Spooky Knights candy shop and bowling costume party for Halloween. Check out the UCF SOS South Facebook page to stay updated about events for UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay!



- **Peace Corps** information session, facilitated by Ms. Jessica Lampron from the UCF Office of International Studies, was held at the UCF Cocoa campus SOS lounge. Ms. Lampron also visited with Dr. Waren's Sociology Research Methods class that afternoon and spoke with the 24 students enrolled in the class about the benefits of joining the U.S. Peace Corps.
- **Veteran's Appreciation Week** - to show appreciation for our students who have served, Veteran's Services and SOS hosted two events, a meet-and-greet "Come and Meet Your Fellow Student Veterans" and an informational luncheon with Patricia French from the Melbourne Vet Center.
- **International Education Week Breakfast** with keynote speaker Valerie Hemingway who spoke on the topic from her book titled "Running with the Bulls". It was broadcast to UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay.

Homecoming Week, October 27 – November 2, activities included free tickets from SOS for Concert Knight featuring Snoop Dog and Comedy Knight featuring Jim Gaffigan. Also, in celebration of Homecoming week, SOS and SGA provided bus transportation to the annual Spirit Splash.

The Regional Campuses Student Services Office at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses had a fall term filled with activities including:

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration** – presented movie "For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story"
- **Diversity Workshops** - presented by Barbara Thompson, Assistant Director of the UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives, "Inclusive Communication" and "Understanding Power and Privilege."
- **Connecting with Veterans** – VA Program Specialist Paula Cepero hosted Library Services, the University Writing Center, and Patricia French from the Melbourne Vet Center for these monthly veteran events.
- **World Sight Day**- a day of awareness to focus global attention on visual impairment. Broadcast the Knight's panel discussion and movie "Going Blind".
- **20th Annual Diversity Breakfast** was broadcast at UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay.

The Regional Campuses Student Services Office at UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay has a very busy spring term planned with an assortment of events on the calendar:

Transfer Orientations

Cocoa: January 3rd and April 4th from 9 am - 12:00 pm

Palm Bay: May 5th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Diversity Workshops facilitated by Barbara Thompson

January 24th – Film "Glory" – Cocoa, 9 am - 12:00

February 26th – Film "Red Tails" - Palm Bay, 9 am - 12:00

March 14th - Cultural Competency – Cocoa, 9 am - 11:00 am

Connecting with Our Veterans continues with monthly meetings at both campuses from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Cocoa, January 8th, February 15th, March 20th, April 17th

Palm Bay: January 9th, March 21st, April 16th

Veterans Orientation Dates: from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Cocoa: December 12th, January 3rd, January 10th

Palm Bay: December 11th, January 9th

Other events on the horizon for spring:

January 31st – 19th Annual UCF BFSA Mentoring Breakfast

New Staff Members



Daniel Baldwin moved to Melbourne from San Jose, CA. He grew up in Massachusetts and moved to California in 1991. He wanted to be closer to family here on the East Coast, so he moved back in May 2012. He started working as the Program Assistant in Academic Advising in August. As Daniel says, "I really love it. The people I work with are amazing and everyone I have met so far is great. I am so happy to be here on the Cocoa Campus."

Angie Jones, formerly an advisor in Cocoa, has accepted the position of Associate Director for Student Services for Cocoa and Palm Bay. Angie completed a B.S. degree from UCF and an M.S. in Ed Leadership with a concentration in Enrollment Management. In October, she will begin pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Management. With over 18 years in professional service in higher education from BCC, Rollins College and UCF, Angie brings a wealth of experience in the areas of admissions, financial aid, academic advising and student affairs. In her spare time, Angie enjoys family time, volunteering in her community and serving as a mentor to teenage girls in the Brevard county area.



Jessica Houts began working for UCF as a student assistant in the College of Education in fall 2007 while finishing her A.A. degree at Brevard Community College. After graduation, she transferred to UCF as part of the Direct Connect Program. Jessica graduated from UCF in May 2010 with a B. A. in Advertising/Public Relations. Jessica also worked in advising and eventually moved to Enrollment Services as the Program Assistant. She is now the Coordinator of Enrollment Services. Jessica is currently working on her masters in communication.

Megan Haught began working on the Cocoa campus in the Joint Use Computer Lab starting in January 2006 while working on her B.S. in Criminal Justice (completed in August 2007). Now she has joined the Business Services office as an Office Assistant where she is proud to be the first point of contact for the Cocoa Campus and UCF in the Southern Region. Megan has also worked for BCC in both the Titusville Learning Lab, and Cocoa Office of Students with Disabilities. In addition to her business office duties, Megan plays a key role in the Cocoa & Palm Bay Knight News.



Todd Jennings has rejoined the Southern Region as a Senior Computer Specialist.

Staff Departures



Jim Smith has accepted a position that will allow him to establish student services for a new campus. He is now the Coordinator for Student Services at the brand new Valencia-Osceola campus. A party was held in celebration of all that he has done for our region where he was given a photo album chronicling his years with us. Congratulations, Jim!

